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# Norse Express having growing pains

By Sonja Donelan  
Staff Writer

Norse Express seemed to be a success during last semester's registration and report card process; however, as with all new programs, there were a few kinks that needed to be worked out. "There were a few glitches," Larry Terrell, Northern Kentucky University's registrar, said. The day and time a student was able to register was put into a database and there were a few

problems with that. Norse Express was not reading the time of day correctly, Terrell said. It was only reading the date a student was able

*"There where a few glitches."*

-Larry Terrell

to register. If a student tried to register before the time they were supposed to, the system allowed them to register, if the date was

right.

There were also problems when students tried to register on a date later than their registration start date. The database was reading the start date for registration only and not recognizing the possibility of the student registering after that date.

Although there were a few kinks to be worked out, there has been mostly positive feedback about Norse Express and the registration process, Terrell said.

Jami Hergott, a speech commu-

nication major, said, "I like scheduling online because I hated filling out the schedule request form, standing in line and then standing in line again after I got out of line to look up another class because one of mine was already filled."

Norse Express posed some trouble for a few students. The most recurring problem was with holds that had been placed on an account. Terrell said there were thousands of advising holds placed on student's accounts to make sure the students saw their

adviser.

Jeanne Hicks said, "Scheduling online is a good concept, but so far all it has turned out to be is a major hassle. I know a lot of people who missed out on classes because they had holds on their account, some of which weren't even valid."

Terrell encourages students to check their registration date so they take care of any holds necessary.

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# Retention is key at NKU

By Rachel Dietz  
Photo Editor

In Kentucky, six out of every 20 students will not graduate high school. Only half of the 14 students left will go to college and only three of those people will actually graduate from college.

Dr. Jim Applegate, interim vice president of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education in Frankfort, gave those statistics Monday, Feb. 26 when he spoke in honor of Retention Day at Northern Kentucky University. He spoke about the need to keep more students within the academic system and especially to raise retention rate—the number of students who return to college after their first year.

"We have been bleeding out of the system far too many students for far too many years," Applegate said. "As a result we have one million adults in Kentucky who lack basic literacy skills."

One speaker at the faculty senate meeting Monday was Greg Stewart, associate vice president for enrollment management at NKU. Stewart said that NKU looks at three criteria each year that it strives to achieve: A head count of all the undergraduates, the number of retention students and the number of students who graduate within six years. He also said that NKU wants to raise the overall retention rate to 69 percent by the year 2004 (as opposed to approximately 65 percent in 2000).

"We recently met all of our retention goals, but they can still be higher," Stewart said. One way NKU has already begun to help student academic success is through a program called "Invest in Success" that began in 1999. The program has begun such projects as mid-term grades for freshmen, where any student with less than 30 credit hours receives a mid-term grade to help them decide whether to drop a class; and the supplemental instruction program, a program where NKU students who have done well in certain classes hold review sessions to help other students enrolled in the class.

One practice that Applegate recommended for keeping students is to have a structured first-year experience for students. This includes learning communities, where first-year students are placed in two or three classes with the same 15-25 students to encourage connection with other first-year students; and linking courses by themes, such as two or three classes relating to the same major.

Applegate shared the retention rates for students enrolled in learning communities at NKU compared to ones who didn't enroll. The retention rate for 1999 to 2000 was 73.9 percent for students enrolled in learning communities and 60 percent for those not enrolled.

According to Applegate, five questions are used by the Kentucky council to determine whether Kentucky is succeeding in retention rates: Are more Kentuckians ready for college? Are more Kentuckians enrolling in college? Are more Kentuckians achieving a degree? Are we preparing Kentuckians for life and work? Is Kentucky's economy benefiting?

"We are looking for things such as how many high school students complete the pre-college curriculum, how many adults have a high literacy rate, and if our alumni feel that they received from us what they needed to succeed," Applegate said. "In order to provide the funds needed to make the reforms work we need to show we are producing."

Applegate spent the day at NKU speaking to five different groups throughout the day.

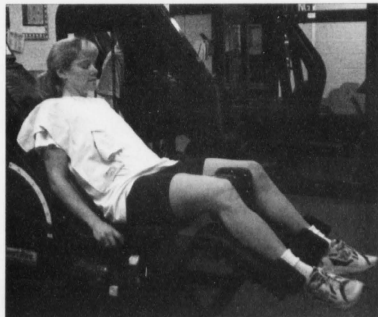
"It was enjoyable for me to hear of all the programs that NKU has to hold on to the students they have such as the developmental programs and learning communities," Applegate said. "It is almost impossible for a person to obtain a middle-class lifestyle today without a post-secondary education, so we need to keep as well as recruit as many students as we can."

## Lean on me



Rick Amburge/The Northerner  
The Sectionals for Alpha Phi Omega, NKU's co-ed service fraternity, were held in Landrum March 3. In attendance were NKU, the Univ. of KY, Univ. of Louisville, Centre College, Rose Hulman (IN), Gannon (PA), Kent State Univ., Edinboro (PA), Carnegie-Mellon (PA), Univ. of Pittsburg, Pictured is NKU's APO chapter.

# Nautilus and free-weight room under consideration



Forrest Berkhardt/The Northerner  
NKU alum Amy Baldrige sweats it out in the weight room in Albright.

By Julie Stratton  
Staff Writer

The possibility of a new nautilus and free weight room could bring positive changes to students.

There has been a proposal to build this room but plans are not definite. According to Steve Meier, director of campus recreation and university center operations, if the nautilus room is built then it would replace two of the six racquetball courts. Meier said this is likely to be the site because racquetball has

been declining in popularity over the past 10 years.

When the Albright Health Center was built there was not much of an interest in free weight equipment. "It was an afterthought," said Meier, so the university did not allocate the space for such a room. Currently, there are a few treadmills, elliptical machines and stationary bikes for a cardiovascular workout but, they are running out of space and machines for students and faculty to use.

The cardiovascular room is used for cheerleading practice, karate classes and

step aerobics. The new room could also be used for some of these classes. The floor of the new room is supposed to be shock absorbent so that it prevents injury and is easier on the knees.

"It's in the dream stage, we know what we need. For a university our size, our current facilities are not sufficient," said Dean of Students Kent Kelso. Kelso said building a nautilus room would be a short-term project and hopes to have it built by fall of 2002. For a long-term project, if the idea is approved, Kelso would like to add on to the right side of the health center and would like to have windows so you can see people running on the track. He thinks that this will inspire other people to come in and exercise. He stresses that it is just an idea and it could get expensive.

Kelso said the money for the nautilus room wouldn't come from student fees and any fees for possible addition to the health center would have to be approved by President Votrub and by a committee of students. He also encourages students to express their opinions on this matter and what they would like to have included in the room.

Other universities such as the University of Louisville, University of Kentucky and Indiana State University have separate rooms for students practicing for varsity sports and students who are exercising in general. Kelso would like to see NKU's exercise equipment become as advanced as other universities because NKU is increasing in size.

# NKU has its own nurses

By Lori Whitits  
Staff Writer

Northern Kentucky University started with only a "Band Aid" nurse to care for sick students.

Now it has two nurse practitioners to help students cure what ails them.

Nurse practitioners can diagnose illness, prescribe medicine and conduct physical examinations.

A nurse practitioner is available on campus four days a week.

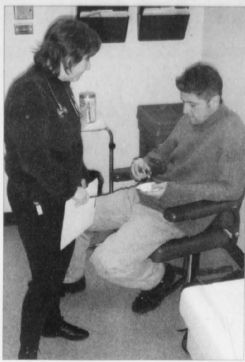
Michelle Jahn from the university health center said they see an average of 20-30 students a day who stop by for health care advice.

Cheryl McKenzie, one of the nurse practitioners, said they see a lot of students during "sick seasons."

McKenzie defined a sick season as one where there are a lot of people who are sick and many of them have similar symptoms.

McKenzie said often the change in weather causes a sick season.

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Jason Crisler/The Northern  
NKU ARMP nurse Cheryl McKenzie gives antidote to  
junior Ryan Gast.

# Key battle discussed

By Rick Amburgey  
Special Projects Editor

The events that unfolded at the Battle of King's Mountain during the Revolutionary War helped ensure that American hopes of achieving freedom would be successful.

The aforementioned battle was the subject discussed by Burke Miller at the lecture "They Taught Us On A Mountain Bald - Patrick Ferguson, King's Mountain and the American Environment."

Burke Miller, a history lecturer, delivered the presentation March 1 in Lambson 506.

Patrick Ferguson, who is revered as a military genius for the British forces, was the only British soldier present at the battle.

Miller explained that this battle, like much of the Revolutionary War, was fought by colonists - called over-mountain men, and Tory volunteers, who were colonists loyal to British

rule, on the opposing side.

According to Miller, the over-mountain men were given two choices by the British: be pardoned and fight on their side or face punishment.

Miller shared a letter written by Ferguson during the lecture. An excerpt of that letter read: "If you choose to be pissed upon forever and ever by a set of mongrels say so at once and let your women turn their backs upon you and look out for real men to protect them."

Some joined the Tories, while others were angered and wanted to find Ferguson and attack him.

Miller explained that Ferguson did not fortify King's Mountain in any way because he thought it was a great location, with the natural defense of wooded hills and natural obstacles that would break the opposition's line as it attempted to assault.

"He sent word out that he was on King's Mountain and he was king of that mountain and that God Almighty

and all the rebels of Hell couldn't drive him from it," Miller said.

At first, Ferguson's plan worked and each time the Patriot forces would attempt to climb the hill the British would respond with a bayonet charge to drive them from the top of the hill.

After about 50 minutes, the group penetrated the British forces.

Miller said Ferguson was killed during the battle and his second command immediately called for surrender. Nearly all of the Tory volunteers who fought alongside Ferguson were also killed. Patriot forces escaped with minimal casualties.

Miller said reports indicate that the over-mountain men shot at, spat upon and even urinated on Ferguson's corpse.

The Oct. 7, 1780 battle was a major blow to Britain's cause, according to a fier promoting the lecture.

# Cost of water damage rising

By Kyle Back  
Staff Writer

The repairs of damage caused by the water line break in the sprinkler system in Norse Hall last December already cost Northern Kentucky University about \$187,000 and more costs are still to come.

Patty Hayden, director of residential life at NKU, said the purchasing office is still adding up the total amount of damage and that she is still collecting purchase requisitions, a form used to purchase and order items. "The purchasing office is part of the whole process of getting the work completed."

While residential life says it does not know how much damage the break caused, it does know how much the repairs are costing. Fixing the break in the water line itself cost \$279. The demolition of the water-damaged materials inside the rooms and the rebuilding of walls and floors cost about \$96,000. New furniture, carpet, paint, cabinets and other items had cost \$91,000 as of Feb. 2, with more expenses to come.

Hayden said the completion of the repairs to the 12 rooms affected by the break depends on the items to be purchased. She also said that the construction company (John P. Tumlin & Sons, Ltd., of Harrison) thinks they will be finished at the end of February or the first week of March.

While the water line break caused major problems, it also created a team effort by the staff members of residential life, physical plant and the Department of Public Safety.

Chuck Pett, physical plant superintendent and Jerry Wallace, area

coordinator for residential life were the managers of the water line break cleanup project.

Wallace said that Jeff Baker, university environmental and safety officer, ordered residential life to remove student's belongings from the water-damaged rooms. "There were a lot of people behind the scenes to reduce the damage to people's belongings," said Hayden.

One of those people was Tyler Lucas, resident assistant for Norse Hall. Lucas, along with other resident assistants, packed student's belongings, labeled them and made sure they were delivered to a storage place. Lucas said that the RAs were very careful in the packaging, loading and delivery of student's items. "Jerry stressed it very, very much," Lucas said.

Resident assistant Stella McGibben was another person involved in the cleanup. McGibben worked in the residential life office during the cleanup. The first day she worked she contacted the residents who lived in the rooms affected by the water line break, she said. McGibben also reassigned residents to other rooms, fielded phone calls, answered questions and put together Board of Claims packets for the residents. "Everyone worked together and did their best, considering the situation."

Hayden said she would like to thank the university employees who gave up their winter break during this stressful time to make the situation better.

"I didn't think that I was giving up anything here. I was glad to be here," said Lucas.



Janet Davis/The Northern  
Dance instructor Terri Brown is teaching an African dance class this semester.

# Dancing to the beat of a different drum

By Julie Stratton  
Staff Writer

"Take a deep breath in and breathe out because life begins with a breath and life ends with a breath," Terri Brown says at the beginning and end of her West African Dance class every Tuesday and Thursday.

Brown, a dance instructor who has been dancing for 34 years, is teaching a class called West African Dance this semester.

According to the syllabus, Brown has worked and performed as a dance consultant/choreographer for several African dance companies as well as the Katherine Dunham PATC Dance Company.

This is her second semester teaching at NKU. Last semester she taught master classes with Jane Green, another dance instructor. The students enjoyed her class so much they requested for her to teach again. Brown said she is enjoying her experience here.

The typical class begins with floor exercises to warm up and then Brown will teach a new dance.

In this class, you are dancing to the beat of a live drummer, which is different from other dance classes in which you dance to the radio or a recording. Brown said she teaches a dance called "Woodslooding," a dance that depicts slavery and slave trade in Africa. Brown said

the movements are designed to convey the pain and suffering behind it."

Brown said she also teaches dances of celebration, "Mandiant," danced by the Maleki people. "Welcome dance," from Funga out of Liberia, and she plans to teach a dance called "Lezeng," which is danced by the Mandinka people and dances that utilize props. "Some of these dances can be seen in Brazil, Cuba, Haiti and the Caribbean," she said.

One African dance student, Annette Fournier, an international studies major, said, "You don't feel like you have to look like someone else. There's more freedom and it's more fun. It gives you a connection with the culture," when asked to compare this class with other dance classes.

Fournier also said "there's such a spiritual feeling with the drums." Since taking this class Fournier said, "I have gained an appreciation for African culture, what a beautiful form it is, there's so much symbolism. I have gained an appreciation for dance."

Also assisting with the class is Charles Miller, the accompanist. Miller is the executive and artistic director of CIC Percussions.

According to the syllabus, he has made drums for 20 years and has founded several drum and dance ensembles in the Midwest. He is also a member of Drums For Peace, a world beat performance group.

# Can the Bible help your love life?

By Erin Johnson  
Staff Writer

A six week long series titled "Discover the Art of Meaningful Relationships: A Study of the Song of Solomon" is designed give people a new perspective on relationships.

The series began on Feb. 26 and will run through April 9. The Song of Solomon is a relationship taken from the bible and analyzed through a biblical perspective.

One of the objectives of the lectures is to link this relationship to relationships in today's world.

The first lecture focused on the topic of attraction and three things that are needed in dating: time, respect and restraint. There will be 10 more 30-minute segments. These will take place on Monday nights from 7-8:15 and on Thursday from 6-7. They will be shown in Norse Commons in room 115.

Topics such as attraction, dating, courtship, intimacy, conflict, romance and commitment will be discussed.

"I want everyone to feel welcome and give it a try at least once."

-Christy Marlow

This series applies to people who are single, dating or married. Christy Marlow, the campus ministry intern, said that the series has the potential to open our eyes to how relationships can be meaningful and positive. The series is open to anyone who wants to attend. Marlow said that regardless of relationship status, everyone has something to gain from this. She said that for people who are already married, this series

could show couples how to enrich their relationship.

For people who are single, this series can show people how to give what they want out of a relationship without compromising. Marlow said, "I want everyone to feel welcome and give it a try at least once, even if you didn't start from the beginning."

This is a video series by a man named Tommy Nelson, a pastor from the Denton Bible Church in Denton, Texas. He travels the country with the Song of Solomon conference. He has been married for more than 25 years, and he attributes his successful marriage partly to the practice of this text. Jen Ledden, a student at NKU who is attending the series, said that the lectures could be helpful because it shows that God still meets our needs in society today. She said, "By coming to the series, people can change the way they view relationships and dating."



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## Spring break options here & there

By Dan Mecher  
News Editor

Who ever said that there's nothing to do for Spring Break fun within the tri-state area? Has anyone actually said it? Well, if no one ever has, then I am saying it now. There is nothing to do for Spring Break fun in the tri-state area.

However, it is moderately amusing to peruse some of the available alternatives for fun that can be found close to home.

For instance, imagine yourself being whisked away to exotic Wilder, Ky., where you can hold and pet a chick for only \$3.

Besides the opportunity to play with baby chickens, Sunrock Farm on Gibson Lane also offers hours of back-breaking work that includes goat milking, sheep shearing and egg gathering.

To avoid scheduling a farm tour,

don't call (859) 781-5502 for information.

If you are looking for thrills, then avoid the American Quilter's Society museum at all costs. Built in 1991, the museum displays the work of world-renowned quilters such as Michael James and Jan Meyer.

Personally, I have never heard of these people, so I cannot vouch for the quality of their blankets.

However, I do think I have a very nice Pound Puppies quilt in storage that is quite possibly a collectors item by now. If you are a blanket fan, don't waste your time anywhere else. Give me a call and I'll show you perfection.

The museum is located in Paducah, so be sure to cross the entire city off your list of spring vacation spots.

The Kentucky Tourism Council Web site, [www.tourky.com](http://www.tourky.com), is great to use when planning what not to do during your two weeks off of school this year.

By Hlevani Baloyi  
Managing Editor

If you are looking for some fun in the sun, get away from Northern Kentucky University and head down south. Beaches, parties, cruises, and lots of people in bathing suits await you.

Daytona Beach is a favorite among college students where you can enjoy warm weather, great nightlife and lots of watersports. Daytona Beach is only 60 miles from Disney World and there are great deals on a spring break package for you and your friends.

Florida is full of spring break wonders and Panama City might be more your speed if you are a party animal. With its white sand beaches and its awesome beach clubs you will never go back to your hotel room for the whip. This package includes six or seven night hotel accommodation, discounts on food, free parties at the

best clubs and cover charges for bars and clubs.

If Florida was last year then this year venture to Negril, Jamaica, where reggae music lives up to the beaches and where MTV says the wildest parties are at. Get your spring break package now before prices go up!

Head down to Cancun and enjoy the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico. Cancun's beautiful beaches and mesmerizing turquoise water will put you in the mood for fun. Enjoy golf, snorkeling, sailing and non-stop partying.

The best party cruise is definitely the Bahamas. Cruise down to the Bahamas and enjoy sailing from port to port aboard a line cruiser. Party on board as well as on the beach. Win some money at the casinos and drink till your hearts content.

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## St. Patrick's Day: the way it's supposed to be

By Jenny Plenen  
Staff Writer

St. Patrick's Day is fast approaching. My thoughts drift to my time spent in Northern Ireland last year when around this time I was walking the streets of Belfast watching parades, listening to live bands, and nursing pints of Guinness Stout with my friends in the pub. What better way to celebrate Saint Padraig than in his own land?

Interestingly though, Americans tend to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with more fervor than the Irish. Dublin's St. Patrick's Day festivities are designed to accommodate tourists more than anything and are usually very crowded with Americans, which was why I chose to stay in Belfast.

This year, however, all St. Patrick's day festivities throughout the island of Ireland have been canceled or postponed because of hoof-and-mouth disease.

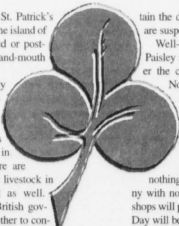
It was confirmed recently that the disease, which is an airborne virus that is highly contagious like Mad Cow disease, has been found in livestock in Northern Ireland and there are fears it may have infected livestock in the Republic of Ireland as well. Therefore, the Irish and British governments are working together to con-

tain the disease by killing and burning animals that are suspect.

Well-known Northern Ireland politician Ian Paisley issued a statement to the effect whoever the culprits were who brought the disease to Northern Ireland ought to be "named and shamed."

Although I would normally have preferred to spend St. Paddy's day in Ireland, I think I would pass on the opportunity this year because of hoof-and-mouth disease.

Belfast's streets are likely to be bare, with nothing but the political murals to keep me company with no public festivities in sight. Most pubs and shops will probably be closed and, indeed, St. Patrick's Day will be a quiet, private affair this year.



## Online chatting offers more than you think

By Rick Amburgey  
Special Projects Editor

I pity the poor souls that still prescribe to that closed-minded belief. They are missing out on friendship, sharing both national and international cultures, and using the web as the marketplace of ideas. It was intended to be.

During the times chatting at my computer, there have been many memorable conversations. Some have made me laugh and others have made me cry, but I will remember them all.

My only wish is somehow there could be a way I could reach through my computer screen and give these friends a hug. The fact I cannot may be the most

painful reality of all. One friend was Amanda from Kansas. Her username was Hopes Angel and she was a troubled individual. If anything came from our "meeting" and friendship, I would hope I gave her hope and reminded her she isn't alone in her battle against this cold, cruel world.

My tears fell like rain the night she confessed that she was contemplating suicide. Even though I had never met her, I considered her my friend and I was terrified of losing her.

Most of all, I remember Emily. She was bored and sent me a message one

day. The friendship grew from a love for the Reds to a love for each other. Since she was from Cincinnati, we spent the summer in love. But fall came much to the sun and the bitter chill hit my heart as she went to Indiana and I to Kentucky for school. I will always revere that summer and my love affair with Emily as the best of my life.

Every day, I still log online to find someone to talk with. Maybe it will be a long friendship. Then again, we may never speak again when we log off.

That's the way friendship goes in real life and online.

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## NORTH POLL

What are your  
spring break plans?



Sarah Crabtree  
English  
LaGrange

"I'm getting my wisdom teeth pulled and attending confirmation."



Rebecca Hillenbrand  
Photography  
Burlington

"I'm going to party because my birthday is over spring break."



Christy Kammer  
Nursing  
Florence

"I'm working!"



Stephanie Erskine  
English  
Highland Heights

"This spring break I'm actually starting a new job so I'll be working."



Keith Gibson  
Information Systems  
Florence

"I'll be working because I'm saving for a new car."



Brian Kuntz  
Undeclared  
Southgate

"Me and my friends were thinking of going to the Red River Gorge but we don't know how cold it is going to be."

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# Into the Twilight Zone at NKU

By James Proffitt  
Assistant Features Editor

Northern Kentucky University introduced a new course this year in science fiction writing. One of the things that makes it interesting is it is taught by a published science fiction writer.

Stephen Leigh didn't plan on teaching English when he graduated from college, but right now that is exactly what he is doing.

"I'm having a great time," Leigh said when asked about his class. "I love teaching what I love to do myself. Even though my degree is in (fine arts) education, when I graduated I ended up pur-

suing another career: music. But I always retained my passion for teaching."

Though Leigh has directed training in corporate settings, taught aikido (a martial art), and spoken to many classes in colleges and high schools, he says he has never taught an entire course before.

"This is my first opportunity to teach an entire course and I'm relishing the opportunity," Leigh said. "What we're looking at is the whole genre of speculative fiction, which includes science fiction and fantasy, and can be reasonably extended

to types of works such as magic realism, alternate history and horror.

"I'm very pleased with the class so far," Leigh continued. "I have 23 students enrolled in the class, which puts us one short of the maximum." Leigh said his class does read some science fiction, but stated that the emphasis of the class isn't

on other writers' work.

"(Previously published stories) are only used as examples," Leigh said. "The focus of the class is the writing of the students themselves. Some of the writing I've seen has been very well done, and hopefully we can continue to make improve-

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# CSF brings Othello to Northern

By Cheryl Ritchie  
Staff Writer

The Cincinnati Shakespeare Festival will be performing "Othello" at Northern Kentucky University for one night only on Tuesday, March 20, in the Graves Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

This play is about two happy couples ruined by jealousy, family conflict and fate. The best part about this play, besides the production, is that it is free. The main stars in this performance are Sylvester Little, Jr. as Othello and Anne Schilling as Desdemona.

"Bill McKim called and expressed his interest in our tour coming to NKU," said Rebecca Bowman, director of "Othello" and education director for CSF.

The CSF does an Educational Touring Program in which seven professional performers tour to schools and come to act out one of Shakespeare's works. Each production is less than two hours and can be performed in any given space.

"We do five to eight tours per month," Bowman said.

They usually perform at middle and high schools. The performers at CSF are looking forward to coming to NKU and acting for an older audience, Bowman said.

This will be Little's second season with CSF. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from Berea College. In his spare time he enjoys writing poetry and raps. He has performed in "Hamlet," "Romeo and Juliet," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and many others for CSF.

This is Schilling's first season with CSF. She graduated from Circle in the Square in New York. She has worked for the Colorado Shakespeare Company, the New City Theater in Washington, Circle in the Square Theater in New York and Art West in Washington. She has also played in "Romeo and Juliet" for the CSF, and has also been a stunt double on "All My Children."

Bowman said she hopes this will attract more of an audience for the CSF. There will be more information about the CSF at the show.

# One on one with Pat McGee

By Laura Parsons  
Assistant Sports Editor

On Feb. 27, *The Northerner* caught up with Pat McGee from the Pat McGee Band on the road. The band consists of lead singer, guitarist and namesake Pat McGee, pianist and keyboardist Jonathan Williams, drummer Chris Williams, and percussionist Chardy McEwan. The latest album, "Shine," is currently at #13 on WKNU's top 25 and was voted one of the top albums of the year by the station's listeners. Originally hailing from the Charlottesville, Va., and Washington, D.C. area, the band is currently on a nationwide tour, opening for major acts like the Allman Brothers and James Taylor while headlining some of their own club shows. They opened for local band O.A.R. at a sold-out show at Bogart's March 2.

Q: Your fan base primarily grew from small club shows, college bands and fraternity parties, much like Florida Band Sister Hazel and the Dave Matthews Band. How has this affected the way you tour

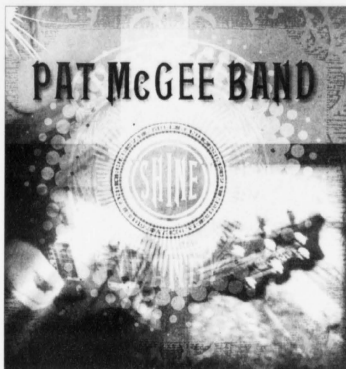
and promote records?

A: It's really been the same since day one, except that we don't do fraternity parties anymore. They were a fun way to get a fan base, but we just can't do them anymore. We basically keep on the road all the time, but now we have people working for us through Warner Brothers. We do radio now and in-store performances. It has been hard to get into Ohio and Cincinnati because sometimes it takes a while to get into certain markets.

Q: You attended Longwood College in Virginia before deciding to pursue music full time. What influenced your decision to stop going to school and concentrate on performing?

A: I was slowly becoming a part-time student by the end of my sophomore year. I was less interested in class and working hard at getting work. It wasn't that I just loved playing for drunk people in smoky bars. I thought I could develop a following. At that time, people were actually coming to see me play, so I wanted to devote myself to it full time.

Q: Your brother Hugh is also a



The Pat McGee Band's latest album "Shine," pictured above, receives airplay on WKNU with its two singles, "Runaway" and "Minute." Shine is the band's fourth album but first on a major label.

musician and your parents help with the business side of the band. Does their input ever strain your

relationship?

A: Sometimes it's a hassle because it's hard to separate

everything. It's a drag to go home for the holidays and end up discussing the band. But, it's an exciting thing...I mean, I say 'I met James Taylor' or 'I hung out with Hanson in New York' and it's still really cool. I wouldn't trade it for anything. I can completely trust them. My dad is the accountant for the band...my dad wouldn't steal from us. It's just good peace of mind. My mom used to be the publicist, but now she deals with fan e-mail. We get tons of it and she personally responds to it all and forwards us requests for shows.

Q: Around here, "Rebecca" and "Minute" are extremely popular on WKNU, our college radio station. What are your favorite songs from the album?

A: Well, that's like picking your favorite child, but I really like "Minute." It's a laid back, cool tune. "I Know" and "Shine" are good too. When we played "Fine" before we recorded it, it was basically me and the acoustic guitar, but in the studio we made it a lot bigger.

Q: You got married not too long

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## March Madness: Hip-Hop Style

By Billy Sprankles  
Staff Writer

Hip-hop heads, strap up your Timbs, get a pack of Phillies, and stack your chips for the next few weeks. Some of the sickest emcees in the hip-hop industry will be blazing through the streets of the 'Nati in the month of March.

Big-ups to Club Ritz as well as Club Anni's for holdin' the city down with some of the illiest Hip-Hop performances this city has ever had.

Recently, Club Ritz had a show featuring the beautiful Charrie Moore, and Master P hosted a session for signing autographs the same day. Shortly after, Memphis, Tenn., natives, 8-Ball & MJG ripped the club from front to back. Also, Cincinnati wouldn't be hip-hop if East Coast warrior M.O.P. didn't make an appearance to perform the off-the-charts single "Antes-Up." None other than the Hot Boy himself, Juvenile, appeared at the club a few weeks ago. The day following the show, females phoned in to the local radio station, WIZF 100.9, The Wiz, to say that

there was no limit to what they were doing with Juvenile at the party.

Club Anni's featured dirty south group ICONEZ, who performed their hit single "Get Crunked Up." Also, Rawkus records lyrical genius Talib Kweli showed up to perform with Cincinnati native 101-HK. In the rap game, these two are commonly referred to as, "Reflection Eternal." These two performed tracks from the release of their recent album, "Train of Thought," which gives madd shout-outs to Cincinnati.

So for those of you who aren't going on spring break, it would probably be wise to request a ticket for this week. On Sunday, March 11, at 8:00 p.m., West Coast verbalist Xzibit will be doing a show at Bogart's. Xzibit has recently released a new album, "Restless," and he is still hot from the "Up in Smoke Tour." Word on the street is that some unnamed artists may make last-minute appearances; maybe Dre, Cube, Snoop or Eminem? This will be Xzibit's first show in the 'Nati, so it should be sick.

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# Norse women lose GLVC title to USI

By Aaron Stamm  
Staff Writer

The NKU women's basketball team rode a roller coaster through the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament last week, winning two games before losing in the finals to Southern Indiana.

The Norse began the tournament Wednesday with a 69-50 victory over Quincy University. It was the second victory in 10 days over Quincy. Junior forward Michelle Cottrell led the Norse with 16 points and nine rebounds. Sophomore forward Amy Mobley scored 11 points and six rebounds. Senior forward Julie Cowens chipped in 10 points and six rebounds.

Cottrell said she felt very good about her individual performance for the tournament. "I was pleased with the way I was able to score. I should have worked a little harder on defense. Overall, I feel like I did a good job."

For the tournament, Cottrell had 63 points and pulled down 32 rebounds.

NKU head coach Nancy Winstel said Cottrell had a great tournament in all areas of the game. "She did some great things on offense and defense. I think she is the best player in the conference."

Winstel said the team really played extremely hard getting into the finals. "Our defense got us into the finals. We were very consistent on offense but we really got out there on defense."

The defensive pressure continued in the semifinal game as the Norse defeated SIU-Edwardsville, 57-45 to advance to the finals.

Cottrell led the Norse with 22 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. Senior Jessica Jensen chipped in with 12 points.

Again, the Norse struggled from the floor, shooting 37 percent for the game. NKU held SIU-E to just 35 percent.

The Norse defense held SIU-E's best player in check, guard Mist Clark, who went 4 for 9 from the field and finished with 13 points. Winstel said Jensen was given the assignment of shutting her down and did a great job doing it.



Sophomore Kristin Polosky helped lead the Norse to the GLVC championship game. Here she is lancing through a collapsing defense.

"Our defense was great. We did a super job in stopping opposing team's best player in the tournament. We were really focused on defense," said Cottrell.

The good defense ended in the championship game. The Norse lost to Southern Indiana 95-

73. The Norse have now dropped two games to Southern Indiana, as they were defeated earlier in the season at Southern Indiana.

Cottrell dominated the offense for the Norse as she had 25 points and 10 rebounds. Senior guard Heather Livingstone had 18 points and seven assists.

The Norse heated up on the offensive side of the floor, shooting 47 percent for the game. The problem was, Southern Indiana shot 52 percent for the game.

Livingstone said the Norse were outplayed in all areas in the championship game. "We didn't do anything right. We gave up too many second shots and gave them to many open looks."

"We played well in spurts for the tournament. We were very inconsistent on offense. We played very well on defense. You've got to give Southern Indiana credit. They executed in all areas and played a very good game against us," Winstel said.

Looking ahead for the Norse, the team

received a bid to the NCAA Great Lakes Regional Tournament. NKU will be the No. 3 seed and will open up play on Friday at Michigan Tech University against Gannon University.

The Norse defeated Gannon earlier in the season but Winstel said it's a whole new ball game now. "Gannon will be very focused to play us. They are a very good team who executes very well on offense."

If the Norse defeat Gannon, Southern Indiana will be next in the semifinals of the tournament. "We have to get the attitude back that we can win and advance in the tournament. We need to work on our offensive game and get the right mind set that we can play," Cottrell said.

Livingstone said she feels her leadership will provide great help for the young players in the NCAA Tournament. "I hope to use my experience to help take us back to the Elite Eight."

"I am extremely proud of this team. Everyone wants a little piece of what we have. I feel we have raised the bar of excellence in our conference. We are everybody's big game. I am very proud of our 25-4 record," Winstel said.

## Baseball team ends home win streak

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.  
Sports Editor

The NKU baseball team saw its two-game home win streak come to an end, but it came back to take a couple of road wins to end the week.

Last Thursday, the Norse lost to West Virginia State 7-4 at Friendship Field. NKU had a three-run lead going into the last inning but ended up with the loss.

However, the Norse got its act together and won both ends of a doubleheader against Kentucky State Saturday.

NKU won the first game 7-1, as Josh Whaley improved to 2-0 on the year with his pitching efforts.

Matt Mason contributed at the plate, going 2 for 3 in the game, and Michael Tudor was 3 for 4 with a double in the Norse win.

In the second game, NKU got on the board early as it pummeled Kentucky State with 11 runs in the second inning in rout to a 17-8 victory.

Jason Martin led the Norse attack with two hits, including a homerun and three RBI's. Devin Brown and Chris Osterkamp each added two hits.

NKU is now 5-2 on the year and plays host to Kentucky State in another doubleheader Wednesday at 1 p.m.

The Norse then go on the road for a spring break trip to Ft. Myers, Fla., starting March 10 for a 10-game road trip.

## Softball team splits DH

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.  
Sports Editor

The NKU softball team used a variety of good pitching, defense and clutch hitting to win the first game of a doubleheader against Morehead State last Tuesday in the Norse home opener.

However, in the second game, NKU left out the clutch hitting part in losing to Morehead. "Hopefully it's just one of those first-game things," NKU coach Kathy Bown said. "Playing is a lot different from practicing."

With a man on first in the bottom of the sixth inning, NKU junior Krista Elkhridge smacked an RBI double into left field to score the first run of the game. Sophomore Crystal Wilson then followed it up with another run-scoring double. Senior Kim Bina finished the game by pitching a four-hit shutout win 2-0.

Bown said, "Pitching and defense

was the key to the outcome. Our defense made very good plays and we had good hits at a good time. It was a total package."

In the second game, Morehead didn't get its first hit until the fifth inning. NKU's best chance to score was the seventh inning after loading the bases with no one out. The Norse did not take advantage of the situation. Senior Jamie Moore pitched a one-hitter in her seven innings of work for NKU, but couldn't get any run support.

Morehead eventually scored and split the twin bill, winning 3-0 in nine innings.

Moore said she felt the Norse didn't do what they needed to do in order to win the second game. "We didn't execute. We should have. Our hits should have been dropped in, and it could have been the game."

Morehead deserved a lot of credit, because they showed up to play and gave NKU two good games, Moore

said. "Morehead made some excellent plays."

On the positive side, Bown said that her two starting pitchers, Bina and Moore, did well enough to give NKU a chance in both games. "They're both good pitchers. They're probably the best in the conference. We lost 7-1 and 6-1 to Morehead last year and Morehead got many hits off both of them," Bown said. "They have made an improvement over last year. That speaks volume."

Moore said, "Our efforts are going up."

Along with the pitching, the Norse are showing the offense, too. "Our bats are coming out strong. Our goal is to get the bat on the ball," Bown said. "NKU is now 1-1 on the season after the doubleheader split. The team's next game is on the road against Lincoln Memorial Wednesday at 3 p.m."

## Men fall in GLVC 2nd round



Rachel Dietz/The Northerner  
NKU fought hard but lost to Kentucky Wesleyan for the second time this season.

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.  
Sports Editor

The NKU men's basketball team knew that to win the GLVC Tournament, it was going to be in for a challenge. The challenge proved to be too much as the Norse lost in the semifinals to Kentucky Wesleyan last Friday in Evansville, Ind.

"If we win that game, we could have won the tournament and got a No. 2 seed in the NCAA Tournament," NKU senior Brian Lawhon said.

NKU began the tournament playing the University of Missouri-St. Louis last Thursday. The Norse led by 15 points at halftime and despite a late second half run by USML, NKU held on to record the first round victory 82-72.

Junior Craig Sanders shot the lights out on the Rivermen, scoring 26 points, including a tournament record six three-pointers for the Norse. "He broke Brendan Stowers' record," NKU coach Ken Shields said.

NKU finished the game shooting 56 percent from three-point land as a team. Senior Craig Conley added 11 points and eight assists in the Norse victory. Greg Ross was the high man for the Rivermen with 19 points.

NKU next faced a tough challenge in the semifinals of

the tournament as it took on No. 2 nationally ranked Kentucky Wesleyan. The 13th ranked Norse split its previous two meetings against the Panthers earlier in the season, both teams winning at home.

NKU tried to get something going early on but couldn't get the shots to fall. The Norse were limited to 27 percent shooting from the field, including 20 percent from three-point range. The Panthers took advantage of NKU's slump, shooting 50 percent in the half to take a 46-29 halftime lead.

"Our shooters didn't get a clean look at the basket as normally," Shields said. "Our shots were rushed and hurried."

The Norse shot better in the second half (37 percent from the field) but could never grind that much into the Wesleyan lead. The Panthers made 53 percent of its shots in the half and 52 percent for the game. NKU lost the game 84-67 and dropped its overall record to 25-6.

"We were devastated," NKU sophomore Brendan Stowers said about the defeat. "We have to regroup for the regionals and hope to get another shot at them."

"In two games we lost to them, we were not that prepared or too prepared. We have to be relaxed and ready to play," Stowers said.

Shields said it is very hard to beat Kentucky Wesleyan away from Regents Hall. "They are a group of tremendous, mature athletes. They are very talented. They are extremely difficult to beat when they are in a presence of a large group of fans."

Lorico Duncan led four players in double figures for the Panthers with 15 points. Kentucky Wesleyan ended up beating Southern Indiana for the GLVC Championship, and Duncan was named MVP.

Shields said that Duncan was the best player in the tournament. "The last three weeks, he has played his best ball in his career. He's an All-American."

Sanders was the leading scorer for the Norse with 16 points, and senior Todd Clark added 12 points.

NKU advances on to the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament. The Norse, which is the No. 3 seed, will head to Owensboro to take on the No. 6 Grand Valley State Thursday. If victorious NKU will face No. 2 seed Southern Indiana Friday.

"We have to take it one game at a time. If we get on a roll, we can go all the way," Sanders said.

"We have to make adjustments. We have to use more clock and be more patient," Shields said. "We have to have more touches and be less rushed, and it will work out."

## NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament Pairings

### Men's Basketball (at Owensboro, Ky.)

NKU vs. Grand Valley State Thu., March 8 9:15 p.m.

Winner vs. Southern Indiana Fri., March 9 9:15 p.m.

### Women's Basketball (at Houghton, Mich.)

NKU vs. Gannon (Pa.) Fri., March 9 5:30 p.m.

Winner vs. Southern Indiana Sat., March 10 5:30 p.m.

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# Tim's Weekly Horoscope

By Timothy Conboy  
Nortner Astrologer

Aries (March 21-April 20)



Evaluate your actions this week. Slow down and assess your values to better understand yourself. Financial obstacles may overwhelm you. If you remain optimistic you will find your way through. Women will play an important role in your life and will aid in directing you.

Taurus (April 21-May 20)



Indulge in flirtation and let your joy of luxury rule you. However, keep your eyes open to love because this is probably one of the luckiest love weeks in your life. Take hold of all social opportunities but stay sober and level-headed.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Be confident with a position of leadership. Take all of the advice you can from friends but let relatives sit to the side. Restrict yourself from spending and extravagance, no matter how hard it could be.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Yes, others are functioning human beings with or without you this week. Not to say that your influence is not extremely reinforcing for them. Your charm is extremely powerful and others are even amazed by it this week. Despite everything I have said, claim the spotlight as your own this week.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You are the star pupil. You have a way of making anything possible. Concern over reputation monopolizes your week, however this will only hinder you. Worry instead about the reputation of your friends, this will in turn better your own.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept. 22)



Money problems and co-worker complications absorb your time. Choose to walk a different path than you have been. Be precise and blunt in communication. Take it upon yourself to organize social gatherings and be sure to familiarize yourself with the other signs to be a better host.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



Finding solutions and making peace with others is a difficult task. Instead, retreat from the situation so that you can seek a greater end to problem. You are more likely to connect with others emotionally rather than intellectually. Don't weigh positives and negatives, follow your heart.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)



Your intensity shocks those around you. Focus on service to others. You will not be very flexible in love and family matters and therefore may ruin something. Try to loosen your grip of control on others wherever possible.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 20)



Indulge yourself. You may attract people through your fun loving attitude. Tangents and other releases are a good thing, but this week's boring responsibilities will really get to you. Challenge yourselves with the power of others.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 19)



You have an ending coming this week. You may have to leave your job or a relationship. You are under extreme stress, but put your duties on hold for another person. Don't get megalomaniacal this week as it will worsen any difficulties you may already have.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)



You are amazing. At least that's how you see yourself this week. You are definitely ahead of your peers. Just don't let that go to your head. To you there is nothing more erotic than yourself. You may be diverted from reality by your emotions.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Follow your instincts. Your thoughts turn to poetry. Let joy and the spirit of bacchanal emanate through you and fuel your week.

## McGEE

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ago. Has that affected how and when you tour?

A: It really hasn't changed anything. But she's used to it. I have a really understanding wife. She is that cool. We take every chance we get to see each other, we're going to Mexico tomorrow for something like 40 hours and I'm flying her in to hang out. The biggest thing with us is trust, and that is cool.

Q: Who is your dream artist or band to play with?

A: If my career was ending in five months and of artists that are alive...it would have to be the Rolling Stones. They are incredible.

Q: What is the weirdest thing a fan has ever done?

A: Well, we haven't had anything really disturbing happen, but we still get random underwear. It's not every night like Tom Jones or anything, but every once in a while.... And, we have people e-mail us and ask to sit in with the band. It's like, who are you? [laughs]

Q: What's in your CD player now?

A: I'm a really big fan of Coldplay. The Grateful Dead, the Allman

Brothers, Led Zeppelin, Bob Marley. The new Dave Matthews album....

Q: Where are your favorite venues to play?

A: The House of Blues in Chicago, anywhere in New York City rocks. The TLA in Philadelphia, the Avalon in Boston. The Wolftrap in [Washington] D.C. is kind of like going home....we play there about one a year.

Q: Finally, the band played at the staff farewell party for President Clinton. How did you all manage that?

A: We couldn't believe it. The Chief of Staff called and asked us to perform. We weren't even sure that the president would even be there. But, he came and he is easily the friendliest, most charismatic person I've ever met, with the exception of Santa Claus when I was a little kid. He said he really liked the album and gave us all high-fives. We were like, is this really happening? Afterwards, he wrote us a letter of thanks...the president sent me a thank-you note. It's definitely getting framed.

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ments.

Leigh himself has written many stories and seen some of them published.

Leigh's most recent books have been "Dark Water's Embrace" (Avon Eos, 1998), and a sequel titled "Speaking Stones" (Avon Eos, 1999). "Dark Water's Embrace" won the Spectrum Award for Best Novel. It was also on *Locus Magazine's* "Recommended Reading List," and the *Long List* for the *Tiptree Award*. "Speaking Stones" also made the *Tiptree Award's* Long List. Both books are still in print and can be purchased at Amazon.com. Leigh also says that he has another book coming out in May which will be called "Thunder Riff" under the pseudonym Matthew Farrell.

Other than writing and teaching, Leigh has many other hobbies to keep him occupied.

"You'd think being a husband as well as a father to two teenage kids would be enough! But other than writing, I enjoy music. I'm playing in a local band called Toast, as well as a subset of Toast called First Slice." [You can learn more about Toast by going to [www.farellbooks.com/ast](http://www.farellbooks.com/ast)]

"I also study a martial art called aikido, and am ranked ninth, which is a second-degree black belt. And I still enjoy driving and painting (watercolor usually) in those few spare moments."

Despite his many other hobbies, Leigh seems to be enjoying the time he is spending working here at NKU. He already has a personal hope for his class as well.

Leigh said "I hope one day to have one of my students contact me and say 'Hey! I sold my story!' That would make me feel terrific."

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## NORSE EXPRESS

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Allison Chinn had trouble scheduling online because of holds placed on her account years ago. "If all of the holds had been taken off, Norse Express would be great. I still had a hold on my account from when I attended Northern for a summer class in 1996," Chinn graduated from University of Kentucky in 1999 and is now attending NKU as a graduate student.

Terrill said he hopes to have all of the minor knots worked out before registration starts at the end of March.

In all, about 78 percent of the registration process took place online, about 11 percent was done through the touch-screen phone process, and the remainder was done in person, which were mainly people with closed classes or needing special permission to get into a class.

As well as offering registration services, Norse Express was the only place students could retrieve their grades this past semester.

## FIRST AID

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McKenzie added that right now they are seeing respiratory illnesses such as the flu and pneumonia. NKU's first full year having a nurse practitioner was in 1996.

In 1995 NKU had a doctor on campus for two hours a week. The doctor charged \$25 a visit.

Nurse practitioners are available to students 12 hours a week for only \$5 a visit.

Stephanie Baker, director of health services, said the department of nursing and the health center teamed up to make healthcare more available to students.

Baker said nurse practitioners can prescribe some medicines and they have some medications that can be dispensed on campus.

The clinics are a joint project

between the department of nursing and the health center.

NKU has a special master's degree where students can become nurse practitioners, Baker said.

She said they have one student from the nurse practitioner program working in the clinic.

Baker said this is a good way for students to get practical experience while still working on their degree.

There has been a good response to the program from students, Baker said.

She said many students are taking advantage of the clinics and the low cost. The visit costs \$5 and prescription medications cost between \$4 and \$11.

## HIP HOP

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On Wednesday, March 15, at 8:00 p.m., Outkast will be doing a show with new Def Jam artist Ludacris. "—last received four and a half —" from *The Source*, on the recent release of their semi-album, *Word of Mouf*. Ludacris has thrown "bows to get to the top in the hip-hop industry with his two hit singles "What's Your Fantasy" and "Southern Hospitality." It is not for certain, but there may be an after-party. If so, tickets for the after-party will be \$50. This show will be at the

First Center. On Friday, March 23, at 8:00 p.m., Erykah Badu will be performing at the Taft Theatre. Opening acts will be Talib Kweli and new R&B sensation Musiq Soulchild.

Make sure to tell your parents that on Sun, March 25, at 8:00 p.m., Patii Labelle will be performing at Music Hall. The opening act is former Blackstreet member Dave Hollister, who recently released his hit single "One Woman Man."



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